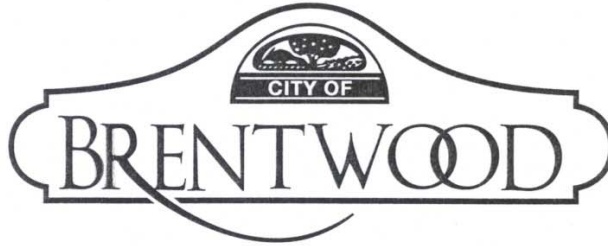


### EXHIBIT 3: Letters of Support



March 10, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the City of Brentwood, I would like to express support for this project to remove or modify the Marsh Creek drop structure to facilitate fish passage on Marsh Creek.

Over the past two years, users of the Marsh Creek trail have witnessed dozens of salmon congregating just downstream from the drop structure (verified by the Natural Heritage Institute's citizen salmon monitoring program). In the spring of 2001, California Department of Fish and Game surveys identified that the salmon had also successfully spawned in this reach.

Removal or modification of the drop structure will facilitate the upstream passage of these fish to several miles of desirable spawning and rearing habitat. It is our desire to see this happen.

Please lend your support to our efforts to provide fish passage on Marsh Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Stevenson".

John E. Stevenson, P.E.  
City Manager

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Contra Costa County  
**FLOOD CONTROL**  
& Water Conservation District

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May 5, 2003

DFA Grants  
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State Water Resources Control Board  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Grant PIN #24

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District I would like to express support for this project to remove or modify the Marsh Creek drop structure to facilitate fish passage on Marsh Creek. The District has jurisdiction over this portion of Marsh Creek Channel and we are working as a project partner with the project team to develop solutions to improve fish passage in Marsh Creek.

Over the past two years, users of the Marsh Creek trail have witnessed dozens of salmon congregating just downstream from the drop structure (verified by the Natural Heritage Institute's citizen salmon monitoring program). In the Spring of 2001, California Department of Fish and Game surveys identified that the salmon had also successfully spawned in this reach.

Removal or modification of the drop structure will facilitate the upstream passage of these fish to several miles of desirable spawning and rearing habitat. It is our desire to see this happen.

We ask that you lend your support to our efforts to provide fish passage on Marsh Creek.

Very Truly Yours,

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R. Mitch Avalon  
Deputy Chief Engineer

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Cc: M. Shiu, Admin  
G. Connaughton, Flood Control  
R. Walking, National Heritage Institute

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The Delta Science Center at Big Break, I would like to express strong support for this project to remove or modify the Marsh Creek drop structure to allow fish passage up Marsh Creek.

For two years now, users of the Marsh Creek Regional Trail, supported by a salmon monitoring team from the Natural Heritage Institute, The Delta Science Center, and the East Bay Regional Park District, have observed scores of salmon congregating just downstream from the drop structure. Concurrently, California Department of Fish and Game surveys confirmed that salmon are successfully spawning in this reach.

Regional support and public momentum are focused on this timely proposal to open upstream passage for these fish to several miles of historic spawning and rearing habitat. Unlike many desirable creek passage projects proposed in related watersheds, this project is very do-able at a reasonable cost, if prioritized now.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this fish passage project.

Sincerely,



Stephen Barbata

The Delta Science Center at Big Break

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SCIENCE CENTER  
At Big Break